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SUBJECT: MILITARY UTILITY AND POLICY VALUE OF MASTER

DATA EXCHANGE AGREEMENTS

REF: STATE 012376

SUMMARY: THE MASTER DATA EXCHANGE AGREEMENT WITH
DENMARK HAS WORKED SO SMOOTHLY OVER THE YEARS AS TO BE
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ALMOST IMPERCEPTIBLE AND APPEARS TO HAVE HAD NO EFFECT

ONE WAY OR THE OTHER ON THE CONDUCT OF US-DANISH BILATERAL RELATIONS. GENERALLY THE PROJECT AGREEMENTS HAVE BEEN OF UTILITY BOTH TO DENMARK AND TO THE U.S. ALTHOUGH MOST OF THE INFORMATION OBVIOUSLY HAS FLOWED FROM THE U.S. TO DENMARK, IT HAS NOT BEEN A ONE-WAY STREET. THE U.S., FOR EXAMPLE, CONTINUES TO LEARN FROM THE DANES IN THE AREA OF MINE WARFARE, THE SUBJECT OF ONE OF THE AGREEMENTS. END SUMMARY.

1. IN RESPONSE TO THE QUESTIONS RAISED BY PARA 2 OF REFTEL:

A. THERE IS NO RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE MASTER AGREEMENT AND DOD MANNING LEVELS IN DENMARK. NO SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF TIME IS INVOLVED IN THE MAAG'S MONITORING OF EITHER THE AGREEMENT OR THE INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS UNDER IT.

B. ALTHOUGH THE CHIEF OF MISSION IS AWARE OF THE MASTER DATA AGREEMENT, HE HAS NOT BECOME INVOLVED IN DISCUSSIONS OR NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING INDIVIDUAL DATA EXCHANGE PROJECTS. THE EMBASSY IS SATISFIED THAT THESE NEGOTIATIONS ARE WELL HANDLED IN A LOW KEY BY THE MAAG HERE AND THE DANISH AND U.S. MILITARY AGENCIES DIRECTLY INVOLVED.

C. INSOFAR AS WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DETERMINE, THERE HAS BEEN NO RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PROJECTS AND CO-PRODUCTION OR FOREIGN PRODUCTION OF MATERIEL DEVELOPED WITH THE DATA.

D. THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT THE DANES HAVE BEEN LED BY THE EXISTENCE OF THE AGREEMENT TO EXPECT THAT THE USG SHOULD PROVIDE MORE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY TO DENMARK THAN HAS BEEN PROVIDED.

E. NO DIRECT POLITICAL BENEFIT CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE MASTER DATA AGREEMENT. AS NOTED ABOVE, HOWEVER, THE U.S. HAS BENEFITTED FROM DANISH TECHNOLOGY IN MINE WARFARE.

F. AS FAR AS DENMARK IS CONCERNED, THE MASTER AGREEMENT
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SHOULD NOT BE ALTERED SINCE THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT THE AGREEMENT OR ITS IMPLEMENTATION HAVE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BILATERAL RELATIONS OR THE MANAGEMENT OF U.S. POLICY HERE.
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